

COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2018
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
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Regular session of the Lackawanna City Council met in the Council Chambers, Council President Pro Tempore Iafallo presiding. The meeting was preceded by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Council President Pro Tempore Iafallo.

Meeting called to order

NB: Meeting being recorded-use of cell phones during meetings is prohibited, including recording & taking pictures or videos

Roll Call: Council: Present: Noman, Iafallo, Leonard, Surdyke

Excused: Lewis

Dept. Heads: Present: Law, Comptroller, Development, Recreation, Public Works,

Excused: Public Safety

Approval of Minutes: of regular meeting of March 10, 2018.

Moved by Iafallo, seconded by Surdyke to adopt minutes of regular meeting of April 10, 2018 as written.

Yeas: Noman, Iafallo, Leonard, Surdyke

Carried 4-0

Departmental Reports:

1. **City Comptroller-** A/P Check Listing #40, April 5, 2018
2. **City Comptroller-** Revenue Report & Statement of Condition of Appropriations as of 12/31/17
3. **City Comptroller-** Revenue Report & Statement of Condition of Appropriations as of 1/31/18
4. **City Comptroller-** Revenue Report & Statement of Condition of Appropriations as of 2/28/18

Moved by Iafallo seconded by Noman to receive and file departmental reports one thru four

Yeas: Noman, Iafallo, Leonard, Surdyke

Carried 4-0

Communications from Department/Division Heads:

Grass Cutting Contract

5. To: City Council

Lackawanna Parks and Recreation requests that the grass cutting bids be awarded to the following successful bidders:

1. Over the Garden Wall, 130 South Prince, Cheektowaga
2. Kaber Landscaping, 6180 Powers Road, Orchard Park
3. Snow Plow Doctor, 180 Lehigh Street, Lackawanna

RICHARD ZYBERT-DIRECTOR of RECREATION

Moved by Iafallo seconded by Noman to award contracts to the aforementioned contractors

Yeas: Noman, Iafallo, Leonard, Surdyke

Carried 4-0

NYCOM Annual Meeting

6. To: City Council

I am requesting permission to attend the New York State Conference of Mayors and Municipal Officials (NYCOM) Annual Meeting on May 6, 7 and 8, 2018 in Saratoga Springs, NY.

Sufficient funds to cover this expense are allocated in budget line 1410.464, City Clerk-Contractual Expenses/Travel for budget year 2017-2018.

Your anticipated cooperation regarding this matter is greatly appreciated.

JEFFREY P DEPASQUALE-CITY CLERK

Moved by Iafallo, seconded by Surdyke to approve request

Yeas: Noman, Iafallo, Leonard, Surdyke

Carried 4-0

Communications from Citizens:

3026 South Park Avenue

7. To: City Council

I am writing to inform you that I would like to speak to the council on April 16th 2018 at the council meeting. This is in regards to the property located at 3026 South Park Ave., which is the house adjacent to my property. The house is in poor condition and is a safety hazard.

I have called, come in person and emailed a multitude of times to try to get this situation resolved. The roof is losing its shingles, windows are falling out onto my driveway, the aluminum flashing is coming off the side of the house. Water is draining into my driveway and will eventually cause damage to my basement.

I have been waiting two years for this situation to be resolved which has only gotten worse. I would like some answers as to why this has not been resolved and just when the problems will be fixed.

JENNIFER SCHMITT

Moved by Iafallo, seconded by Noman to receive and file

Yeas: Noman, Iafallo, Leonard, Surdyke

Carried 4-0

Buffalo Spartans-Use of Veterans Stadium

8. To: City Council

The Buffalo Spartans Football Team is a non for-profit community based organization ran out of Buffalo, NY. We were established in 2015 by Brandon Randle & Darrius Conner and have been involved in the Northeastern Football Alliance League (NFA), but have decided in the upcoming 2018 season to move into Gridiron Developmental Football League (GDfl). The GDfl is base out of Memphis, Tennessee. Where it began in 2010 who the founder and commissioner George Burch resides. The (GDfl) span over 16 states. We travel all over Ohio, Pittsburgh, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania to play other teams within the league. If we have a good season and the opportunity presents itself each year we play in Florida at the National Championship. You can check us out @GDfl.org.

Our mission is to help young men get off the street, stay off drugs, and find a way to channel their anger. We use the knowledge we have in football to help coach little league football teams within our areas. We encourage all young men on our team to pursue college and follow all their dreams. We consider our team as a brotherhood and within that brotherhood we want to uplift each other and see nothing but great things happening. We are very proud of our achievements and the hard work of a lot of people connected with the team.

With this move into a better League comes different requirements we are inquiring about renting veterans stadium. We have 4 home games and a playoff (possibly). The dates go as follows: 5/12/18, 6/2/18, 6/9/18 and 6/23/18.

The Buffalo Spartans have Field insurance and would be supplying police security!! Staff to clean after each game. Requirements for the field if possible but are flexible. 5 pm kickoff time, lights, locker room or bathroom and a scoreboard..

If you would allow the Buffalo Spartans to make veteran stadium their home for 2018 football season. It would be great for the Community and local businesses in Lackawanna. We had a lot team traveling to play and who are looking for food and hotels and gas close to the stadium. We also would love to work and help with your little league football team..

So in closing on behalf of the Buffalo Spartans all we need is a chance to make a difference..

DARRIUS CONNER

Moved by Iafallo seconded by Noman to **TABLE** and refer to the Law Department

Yeas: Noman, Iafallo, Leonard, Surdyke

Carried 4-0

Adjournment:

Moved by Iafallo seconded by Noman, meeting is adjourned

Yeas: Noman, Iafallo, Leonard, Surdyke

Carried 4-0

Annette Iafallo-Council President Pro Tempore

Jeffrey P. DePasquale, City Clerk